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Internationally Acclaimed Pianist To Be in 29 Palms

JOSHUA TREE — Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and the cooperation of the Community Association of Joshua Tree Mr. Nino Albanese, internationally acclaimed pianist, has been invited to give a concert in Twentynine Palms, some time in March. Mr. Albanese, especially noted for his left hand technique, is one of the new and younger concert pianists who is fast earning the attention of the world's best critics, and is rated as having no equal in his style.

If the Joshua Desert music lovers respond as it is hoped they will, then we may be treated to many first class concerts in the coming seasons. Further announcements concerning Mr. Albanese's concert and sale of tickets will be made in this paper.

Duncan, Dunn, Stubbs Appointed to Local School District Survey

SAN BERNARDINO — John L. Duncan of Joshua Tree, Bill Stubbs and Mr. Dunn of Twentynine Palms were recently appointed to the Local Survey Committee of the San Bernardino County Schools System.

The 1949 Session of the California legislature amended legislation for the selection of Local Survey Committees in each county in California. The duty of Local Survey Committees is to study various sections of the county, and where such committees deem it advisable, to recommend district reorganization to the State Board of Education.

The new law provides that each governing board in each elementary, unified, or city school district within the county shall designate from among their own members a representative to meet with like representatives at the call of the County Superintendent of Schools. When this county-wide group of representatives meet, they elect a county committee of five to eleven members and this committee becomes the Local Survey Committee of the County. The Local Survey Committee then meets from time to time with the County Superintendent of Schools and selects areas within the county for study and possible recommendation for district reorganization.

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Many Road Improvements In The Southern Desert Area

SAN BERNARDINO — Many road projects are either under way, or under consideration, that will greatly improve the desert areas and bring more traffic through once isolated areas. Highway 99 will be widened into a four lane divided road from the west end of Beaumont to the four-lane divided highway leading east from Redlands.

East from Banning the highway will be diverted south of White-water, cutting off the narrow crooked lanes rounding the hill east of Whitewater canyon. The highway will again connect with its present route past the entrance to Twentynine Palms Highway. Future plans include widening of the Twentynine Palms highway at various places through the Morongo Basin District and a road through to Parker, Arizona. The proposed route of the latter development has not yet been surveyed.

Another very important improvement will be on the Amboy-Dale Lake road east of Twentynine Palms. A short-cut highway that will by-pass the dangerous Oatman Pass highway on 66 in Arizona will play an important part in the road development of San Bernardino County.

Building Permits For November

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Building permits for the month of November were considerably increased over those issued for the month of October. There were five more permits issued and the valuation was twenty-three thousand dollars higher. The permits and values according to communities are as follows:

Twentynine Palms — Nine at total of \$35,511.00.
Sunfair — Two at total of 8,527.00
Joshua Tree — Three at total of \$10,098.00.
Yucca Valley — Seven at total of \$23,144.00.
Morongo Valley — Five at total of \$9,953.30.
TOTAL \$87,233.90

Morongo C of C Elects New Officers

MORONGO VALLEY — At a Chamber of Commerce meeting Sunday in Morongo Valley Ben Arnold was elected new president of the Chamber of Commerce, with Pat O'Neil as vice president. The board met and appointed four new members, then elected their officers for the current year. Vera Martin was voted in as secretary-treasurer and Don Carter, Drew Sechrist, Mr. Archer and Giles were appointed new board members.

Tryouts for "Christopher Bean"

MORONGO — Mr. Don Carter conducted try-outs for parts in the play "Christopher Bean," Monday and Tuesday of this week. The play, which is to be the first of five plays to be staged by the newly formed Morongo Valley Community Theatre, will be done in "center staging," a fairly new presentation technique, but quite popular. Mr. Carter, director-producer for the new group, will select his characters as this story is going to press, and first rehearsals will be Wednesday evening at the Community Hall.

Season tickets for the first five plays are on sale now and may be purchased from any member of the Theatre, or business manager, Gene Cubit.

REA in Dark on Power Discussion

YUCCA VALLEY — Whether by trick of fate or accident, an ironic situation developed when the electric power was cut off for thirty minutes at the Rural Electrification meeting in Yucca Valley last Thursday night. Scheduled to begin at seven-thirty, the meeting was held up while local residents scurried for lanterns and flash lights to illuminate the Community building.

Mr. Taylor of Twentynine Palms, who has been organizing a Rural Electrification Association for the Joshua desert area for settlers who have no available power, addressed the group and reiterated remarks made on previous meetings. "The purpose of the present meetings," he stated, "is to determine by survey how many persons, not now using power service, would like to have electric power at no cost except for association dues and REA rates. It is impossible for some people in out-of-the-way places to get power under the present set-up except for prohibitive cost. The purpose of the REA is to bring cheap power service to those people."

Mr. Taylor stated that if sufficient persons indicated their desire to join the REA that an official representative of the REA would address a general meeting and explain the service in detail. A local committee was formed to survey Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and Pioneertown. Mr. Best of Pioneertown was elected to head the committee. Mr. Tungstall, Mr. Petkarovich, Mr. Gordon Mr. Exstrom and Mr. Lewin are other members of the committee.

Palm Springs Tramway Going Up!

ESTIMATED COST IS 9 TO 10 MILLIONS; BOND ISSUE WILL BE USED TO FINANCE

PALM SPRINGS — At a press conference, Sunday, at the Fiesta House of the Desert Inn in Palm Springs, Earl Coffman, chairman of the Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority and prominent Palm Springs civic leader, revealed that the authority has completed its work; all the figures are ready and financing is in progress; and construction may start by February 1. Mr. Coffman said that designs, specifications and plans have been completed and cost estimates made. A bond issue will be set up to finance the project, estimated cost of which is between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

Originally the project was to cost \$3,000,000. Changing of plans to make the project a much larger one, and increased cost of ma-

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Fowl Play Suspected in Eggs- Aggerated Taxes

PALM SPRINGS — According to Ethel Gillett Whitehorn in her column. "Politically Speaking," Nov. 22nd issue of the Desert Sun, we are really paying for our eggs many times over before they reach our breakfast table. In her article, "From Hen to Breakfast" she states:

"The individual citizen is not fully aware of how much of his income is being taken from him in taxes. The New Deal administrations have figured out so many ways of abstracting money from the citizen's wallet, without his knowing it that surprisingly little protest is heard. For example, how many taxpayers realize that 100 taxes are paid to the government in the production of an egg? Here are the facts:

1. The grocer pays 14 Federal, State and local taxes.
2. The trucker pays 20 taxes.
3. The egg wholesaler pays 17 taxes.
4. The poultry farmer pays at least 10.
5. The feed dealer who sold the farmer his poultry feed pays 14 taxes.
6. The railroad that delivered the feed pays another 11 taxes.
7. The milling corporation pays 14 taxes, making altogether 100 taxes on an egg from hen to breakfast table.

"Poor old Henrietta, it is a wonder that she doesn't die from over-eggssertion with such a tax load on her production capacity. Please pass the corn-pone, Ma, I ain't hungry for eggs today."

Sunfair Ranch and Cantina Grand Opening Thursday

SUNFAIR — Alma V. Summers, manager of the new Sunfair Ranch and Cantina, announced that the Ranch Market building will be open Thursday the 5th to the public for an informal party. The market at present is open for business. The ranch market building was recently purchased by Forrest Summers from Chester R. Bunker and converted into a combination market and Cantina with Alma Summers as manager.

The market was re-built by "Let George-Do-It" Bloom assisted by electricians J. H. Rice and Mr. Wilds, painter Rees, and carpenters Sam Frye, and Leo Emig. Mr. Benedict of "It-is-later-than-you-think" Below's gave technical advice on installation and management of the bar.

The market will carry groceries, frozen foods, dairy products, tobacco and candy. A special feature will be frozen turkeys from the V-Bar-M Turkey Ranch, in whole, half and bisected parts.

The Cantina will serve sandwiches, beer and dinners on special order from the Doll House in Palm Springs.

Pioneer Desert Real Estate to Meet For Elections

JOSHUA TREE — The Pioneer Desert Real Estate Board will meet in extraordinary session at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10th for the double purpose of nominating and electing officers at the same time. Pat O'Neil, retiring president, announced that the meeting will be held at the Joshua Tree Women's Club.



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Wide Horizons

To the man cooped up within four walls and only a murky sky for inspiration, there is little left but meaningless dreams. It takes the clear sky and wide plain to create visions. Empires were built by those who stood on the high plateau and felt the whip of wind against sun-tanned face, not the wretched creature in whose nostrils was the daily odor of stifling streets and tarnished walls, or the swivel-stooled cog bent over his musty books.

Here in the Joshua Desert our eyes are met by the vast plain and up-ending hills. From almost anywhere in our area we can see seven mountain ranges that inspire the most sluggish of our neighbors.

And who cannot be moved to big ideas when he sees the miles of un-developed land spread before speculative eyes. A common joke in our desert is the many promotional ideas. Many never bear fruit, but they stimulate those that do.

The desert is no longer a place to be avoided when thirst crazed travelers and pioneers died or staggered out, broken. Water (that the metropolitan areas bring across our desert to their cities), is ours for the taking. Modern tools dig it up in no time. Air-conditioning, electricity, communication, modern transportation have made the desert a health haven where once it was a death trap.

A new empire is being built here in the Joshua Desert because men stood on the high plateau and had wide horizons for inspiration. Whether we become a huge health center, or give in to industrial development, that fact remains that the desert was made for man because its wide horizons have given him inspiration. The brilliant desert stars may be our next conquest! Who knows?



THE JOSHUAS

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

(Both our "Lowly Philosophy" by June LeMert Paxton and "Harvey in Hollywood" columns were lost in the holiday mail, apparently. Sorry — Ed.)

Ever Try Ole "Doc Desert?"

In the past few years, many of us have heard and heard a great deal about streptomycin, a newly developed drug derived from a soil fungus. Streptomycin and its derivative, dihydrostreptomycin, have thus far shown much promise in the treatment of certain diseases, particularly some forms of tuberculosis.

Streptomycin is the drug which shows the greatest promise of any drug yet used in tuberculosis treatment, but it is not a "cure-all" and it has certain limitations. It is not a specific cure for tuberculosis, but rather a valuable adjunct to other forms of treatment for certain types of tuberculosis. When used, it is always a part of the whole program of treatment and should be given only under strict medical supervision.

There are certain handicaps to using streptomycin. One is the fact that the tuberculosis germs of the patient receiving the drug frequently develop resistance to it and the drug then loses its effectiveness. Another handicap of streptomycin is the toxic reaction it causes in some patients, such as disturbance of equilibrium.

Streptomycin cannot be considered a substitute for other proved forms of treatment for tuberculosis patients. It will not effect a "cure" for tuberculosis. To date, there is no such thing as a "miracle drug" which constitutes a specific, quick cure for tuberculosis, but streptomycin is the most effective drug known today in tuberculosis treatment.

Greenhorn Gardner

BY RUTH HALE



The Holiday season is over for another year, only twelve months to another Christmas and New Year. Let's make 1950 a banner year in our gardens.

One of the best ways of spending the winter evenings is to peruse your seed catalogues (which I hope you have ordered).

What wonderful pictures of vegetables and flowers will meet your eye and how you will long for the spring when you can plant some of the seed. It is fun to plan and dream, isn't it?

There are a number of gardens in this area which have been made beautiful with all kinds of flowers, trees and shrubs. Sure, it took lots of hard work and many hours of planning, but I am sure these gardeners must feel a wonderful sense of achievement.

If in your study of the catalogues, you find some special special flower or shrub that takes your fancy, tell me about it and I shall try to get authentic information as to its suitability for desert growing.

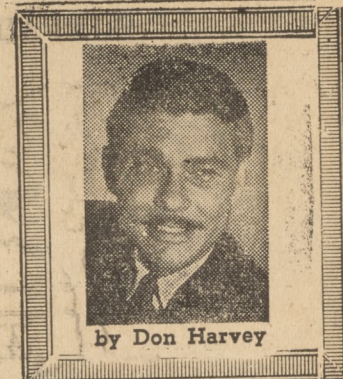
If you are asthmatic, as many of us are, try not to plant the things to which you may be sensitive. To many people, the acacia is very poisonous, other people can't tolerate the Chinese Elm, especially the female tree. So, in selecting the things you wish to grow, try and rule out your own particular offenders.

In a previous article a list of trees suitable to this area was published. If you missed this article and wish a repeat, just drop the Greenhorn Gardner a note.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Community Chapel will hold the January Meeting in the Social Hall on Thursday, January 5th, at 2 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at the same day and place at 1:30 p.m.

Journal Ads Pay Dividends



by Don Harvey

Harvey in Hollywood

("Harvey in Hollywood", as well as Lowly Philosophy, did not arrive in time for publication. "Wha Hoppen, Don? — Ed.)



Pick 'N Shovel

Howdy, Podnuhs! See whar muh ole friend Harry Oliver, publisher of the Desert-Rat Scrap Book, and th' "dog-gonnest liar" busted into print agin' concernin' th' doins at Borego where us desert-rats git tuh-gether onst a-year to look fer Peg-Leg Smith's lost gold mine. But now Harry ain't lin' so much as he's leadin' yuh tuh think, Fact is th' only thing he's lying about is th' location of the Peg-Leg gold.

Effen I remember right, Peg Leg was a professional trapper and scout for th' Giverment 'way back in about 1829 and was makin' trail across th' lower part of th' State, which was then only a territory.

Peg Leg an' a couple other fellers let out from Yuma and headed acrost about where Salton Sea is, 'an stumbled on a pile of gold nuggets size of walnuts on top of three small, chocolate-shaped hills where they was standin' to look fer distant mountains in search of water (whew, gotta ketch muh breath). Peg Leg picked up a couple nuggets and knocked off a sorta green crust-like coverin'; decided it was copper and stuck 'em in his poke fer souvenirs. Waal would yew imagine his surprise when he finds out it was gold. He niver went back, but gave sketchy directions to some other fellars. Thing is, hain't nobody ever found them three, golden mountains. But they must still be down there some where out in that flat country.

So when Harry Oliver takes his gang of city slickers out on his annual hunt fer Peg Leg's mine, he shore is lyin', 'cause he don't take 'em no-where near it. Smart feller, that Harry is. — "Ole Zeke"

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Joshua Tree Notes

Mrs. Henry Thies visited her new property in Joshua Tree the latter part of the week. She recently purchased the Vince Hoover home on Mountain View Circle through the Crane Realty, and is having extensive alterations made under the direction of Contractor Joe Arch. Mrs. Thies has been a lover of the desert for many years, and is very enthusiastic about her new home. Additions may be added later. . . . E. H. Thomas, Ore. and Calif., of Santa Cruz, dropped in to renew subscription. Property owner.

. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reiner and Mr. and Mrs. John Stone from H'wd were guests of the Jack Crane's over the New Year's week-end. Mr. Stone and Mr. Reiner are both sound technicians with Paramount Studios. . . . Tourists, Sunday morning, thought they were in a "ghost town." Oh, my aching head. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lay of Chino were visitors over New Year's holiday stopping at their cottage. Guests of the Lay's were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward and Martha Jane, daughter, and Sandra, granddaughter of Torrance. . . . Mr. Jessie Rowell of Denver, Colo., was a visitor. First to open Steak House in Joshua Tree. . . . Joe Arch is proud papa, and we do mean proud. This time it was a boy; 8&5, 22 in. long (wow!) Name: Douglas. Mrs. Arch is doing fine. . . . Joshua Tree Builder's Supply is doing a good business in feed, even at this season, since putting in Pillsbury feed. . . . The latest rumor on Section 13 Dept.: Hot off the front burner. Watch for developments, soon. Big time stuff.

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"Sacrament" Christian Science Sunday Subject

The subject of the Sunday Lesson-Sermon in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, will be "Sacrament." The Golden Text, chosen from Proverbs, reads: "The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. . . . Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

The Bible Lesson includes this statement of John the Baptist to the people as given in Luke's Gospel: "I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." And according to Matthew, when Jesus came to John to be baptized of him, "John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him."

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy states: "When our great Teacher came to him for baptism, John was astounded. . . . Jesus' concessions (in certain cases) to material methods were for the advancement of spiritual good." "The baptism of Spirit, washing the body of all the impurities of flesh, signifies that the pure in heart see God and are approaching spiritual life and its demonstration."

In behalf of the American Friends' Service Committee and myself, I wish to thank members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Joshua Tree Woman's Club, as well as several individuals who gave so generously to a plea by the Friends for Overseas Relief.

A gunny sack and large carton well filled were sent to the Friends' headquarters. With many thanks,

FRANCIS H. SIMS

Church Notes

JOSHUA TREE

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Rev. D. C. Williams, Minister.
Sunday services, 11 a.m.
Community Chapel
Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
Evening Service on Sunday at 7:15.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Fellowship meetings are held at the chapel the fourth Saturday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Sunday Service at 11 a.m.
Sunday School same hour
Community Hall

YUCCA VALLEY

YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School Services—10 A.M.
Church Services—11 A.M., 8 P.M.
Thursday evening — Prayer Meeting — 8 P.M.

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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:45 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study 7:45 P.M.
Fri. Prayer Meeting 7:45 P.M.

CATHOLIC MASS

Sat. 9 a.m., Rev. O'Dowd

Yucca Valley was well represented this Christmas season with observing Christmas. Tuesday evening Dec. 20, the Trinity Full Gospel Church presented a Christmas play and served gifts. Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st, the Community Church and other organizations presented a Christmas play with about 40 casts in costume, together with songs, recitations, followed by Santa Claus, presented to everyone present a large sack of candy, nuts, apple, orange and popcorn ball. About 200 witnessed the program. Thursday evening, in the Community Church after Prayer Meeting, Rev. Eddy Graver and family were presented with many appropriate gifts and the ladies served coffee, cocoa and home made doughnuts.



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Pioneertown News

Good Ole Times Return to Pioneertown

PIONEERTOWN — Without a doubt the best party in the valley came off at the Golden Stallion in Pioneertown last New Year's Eve. Frankly we didn't believe Pioneertown could ever do it again, but the town motto "Where the Old West Lives Again" sure was revived as never before. Henry Jew and Frank Gee, owners of the Golden Stallion Restaurant, never suspected that their informally planned party would leave the neighboring hills echoing to more fun than Pioneertown has had since its inception three years ago.

It all started off rather innocently with dinner guests from out-of-town and a few local citizens sauntering in for a beer. Our Chinese cowboys ordered a five piece orchestra from Pasadena and a few odds and ends for favors. The fun started when some of the "local" characters appeared in costume and character to have a good time. After a few dances Frank Gee passed the apples and doughnuts for a couple of kid games. That broke up any formality that may have existed and the more reserved visitors from the safety of corner tables were treated to a show such as they had never seen. It was all good clean fun, however, except for a "slight" incident or two, or maybe they were just staged for the benefit of guests (who's kidding who?) Looks as if Pioneertown is on its way back.

Last Minute Parties Gay Affairs in Joshua Tree

JOSHUA TREE — True to tradition Joshua Tree came up to the last few hours before New Year's Eve without definite plans for a party, and as usual made the most of an informal idea. A party had been planned at the Community Club, but was cancelled and then revived in typical Joshua Tree fashion. Mary Ojala and Irene Wilds rounded up the refreshments and someone "shanghaied" Larry Gray, who was visiting in town, for piano music, and the party was on. Half the town was there and as usual a real fine time was had.

Mrs. Lilly Scott Sherborne, born in England August 31st, 1886, passed away December 27th, 1949, at the Ince Memorial Hospital, Twentynine Palms. She is survived by her husband, Harold, son John, daughter Ealinor. Dr. Williams of Joshua Tree held services at Rose Chapel, Rose Hill Memorial Park, Whittier. Funeral services will be Friday, 1:00 p.m. Johnson Mortuary, 29 Palms, directors.

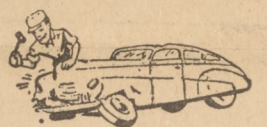
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Yucca Valley Notes

Pioneer Settler Victim of Accident

YUCCA VALLEY — One of Yucca's early settlers and happier citizens was killed last week-end in a highway accident near Ontario. Mrs. Della May Royal Gunn, known and loved by her many friends for her frank and cheerful comments, walked blindly into the side of a moving truck on highway ninety-nine as she was crossing to enter a restaurant on the other side. Apparently confused by blinding lights she did not see the truck which passed cars waiting for her to cross.

Mrs. Gunn, who was born in St. Joe, Texas, Aug. 17th, 1895, was married to Jesse L. Royal when she was eighteen. She is survived by Mr. Gunn and five children, Floyd Royal, 32, of the Merchant Marines; Wallace Royal, 30, also of the Merchant Fleet; William Royal, 25, at home; Raymond Royal, 19, US Navy; and Maybelle Royal, 16, at home. The funeral will be held Wednesday, Jan. 4th, at 2 p.m. in the Wiefels Mortuary in Banning at 50 East Nicolet St.

W. E. Butler and Ella C. Larson spent a few days in Pasadena on business and viewed the New Year's Parade.

... The "Dusty Trail Riders" club made their first ride in several weeks, last Sunday. The party made the rather hazardous trip over the burro trail to Wild Horse canyon west of Yucca Valley.

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China Lecture Subject for Yucca Women's Club

YUCCA VALLEY — A slide lecture on Western China, by Martel Ferris, will be the subject of the Yucca Valley Women's Club meeting for Friday, Jan. 13th, at 2 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Considered a timely subject at this time, the lecture and pictures will cover the area last defended and lost to the Chinese Communist, Changtu and Seichuan Province.

Mr. Ferris was with Chennault's Air Forces in West China during the late war and observed many interesting things that explain the present chaotic condition in China and the reason for the easy conquest by Red forces.

PALM SPRINGS TRAMWAY

GOING UP!

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terial are reasons for the increase in cost, it was said. The capacity has been increased from 840,000 annually to 1,580,000 passengers. Benjamin Fairless, board chairman of the United States Steel, has authorized an expenditure of \$50,000 for exploratory engineering work. LONGEST AND HIGHEST

When completed the tramway will be the world's longest and highest passenger carrying tramway. It will carry passengers from the 2638-foot level in Chino Canyon to Long Valley, elevation 8515 feet. Lack of parking facilities at the lower terminus and the steep grade from the floor of the desert, has made it necessary to include an electric trolley coach system from Palm Springs to the lower terminus. There will be a station at the 5620-foot level. Passengers will change cars there.

The cars, which will carry 54 passengers each, will be 12-sided and there will be no seats. At the top there will be a waiting room, lounge, cafeteria, and luxurious restaurant arranged on five levels so all diners can look out over the Coachella Valley. There will be no over-night accommodations except for employees. There will be a 2000-foot ski tow and a fleet of tank-type snowmobiles will operate during the winter.

Other members of the authority present to take part in Sunday's long-awaited announcement were: Francis Crocker, Palm Springs; V. W. Grubbs, Riverside; James G. Nusbaum, Idyllwild, and Gwynn Wilson, Los Angeles.

Morongo Valley Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Fickheism will begin building in the Annex soon. They plan a very, very large house. Friends of theirs plan to build on the adjoining two-and-a-half acres. . . . New pipe lines and removal of a tank to higher ground will give Morongo Valley more pressure and better water service.

High Tension Taylor Closes Circuit for REA

MORONGO VALLEY — Mr. Taylor, of Twentynine Palms, the modern "Paul Revere" of rural electrification, makes his closing address to valley audiences in Morongo Valley this Thursday evening, Jan. 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Hall. Mr. Taylor has been "stumping" for Rural Electrification for this area the past several weeks and expects to have a survey for government representatives to investigate in the near future.

Little Theatre Group Partys At Lodge

MORONGO VALLEY — The Morongo Valley Community Theatre began its first and new year by a get acquainted party at the Morongo Lodge. The party and dance was held in the Desert Room of the Lodge with more than a hundred in attendance. Several prizes were given during the evening, including two season tickets to the Theatre's coming plays.

A quiz program, dance and musical entertainment provided interesting amusement during the party which lasted until about 2 a.m. Al Bieker as roving troubador played guitar and sang westerns. Dee Dee Arnold sang a couple of songs and she was encored later for more. Mrs. Taylor assisted at the piano for community singing.

How About Those Xmas Stamps?

Dr. Julius Zelman, president of the San Bernardino County Tuberculosis and Health Association today urged all county residents who have not done so to send in their Christmas seal sale contributions so that the goal may be reached as soon as possible. 75% of the \$40,000 quota necessary to continue the life-saving work of the tuberculosis association has been contributed to date.

More than 25,000 X-Rays were taken last year through the use of the San Bernardino Mobile X-ray unit. As a result of this some 500 cases of early tuberculosis were discovered. These people now have a chance for complete recovery.

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THE TURKEY GROWERS PAGE

ASSEMBLED ON THIS PAGE EACH WEEK ARE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TURKEY GROWERS OF THE DESERT AREAS

Egg and Poult Prices Uncertain

Egg producers are engaged in a waiting contest, a sort of battle of nerves, to see who can wait the longest before announcing prices. Western and southern producers seem determined not to accept the inevitable, that prices are bound to be lower this season. A few "brave" hatcherymen have taken the bull by the horns by announcing their prices, ranging from 75 to 85 cents. In most cases, where hatcherymen have announced prices, they are depending upon locally produced hatching eggs.

Trip to Childers Hatchery And Breeding Farms

SUNFAIR — J. (Mike) Campbell, representative for Childers Hatchery, has extended an invitation to the members of the Sunfair Turkey Growers Association to be his guests on a tour through the Childers Hatchery this coming month.

No definite date has been set, but the time will be announced at the next Association meeting, Jan. 6th. The hatchery is located at 618 No. Baker St., in Santa Ana, Calif. All turkey growers are welcome to make this trip.

1950 Support Program For Turkeys Will Be Announced Early

The 1950 Support program for turkeys will be announced early.

The 1950 price support program for turkeys is in the making and will be announced at an early date, probably not later than the middle of January. Any individual or industry group that wants to take action in influencing the level at which '50 support levels should be set should act now by writing or wiring their Congressman. Many are keeping in line with the Associated recommendation by asking that turkey price support in 1950 be "at least 80 per cent of parity."

Do You Want Government Control of Turkey Production?

Any individual or groups that do not agree with the Associated recommendations of 75 to 80 per cent of parity for 1950 and wish to campaign for higher levels should consider consequences before acting. Asking for support at 90 per cent of parity in 1950 is not only inviting government control of production but is asking for it.

It has long been the National Turkey Federation policy to keep government price supports at levels that are at production cost or slightly below — simply a stop-loss proposition to bail us out in

Turkey Crop Cleaning Up Well

Practically all sections of the country report that turkeys moved to market in an orderly manner, and at satisfactory prices. Hens and light toms particularly are well cleaned up and some sections even report shortages of the smaller sizes.

As many anticipated, the Christmas market was even stronger than the Thanksgiving market. Due to the fact that the bulk of the turkey crop was early, with very few late birds, some sections of the country have the peculiar situation of having few or no birds to supply local trade. Some sections report unusually high offering prices for hens, with few birds available.

Purina Mills to Entertain So. Cal. Turkey Growers

LOS ANGELES — An educational lecture and dinner, sponsored by the Purina Mills will be held in Roger Young Auditorium, Los Angeles, on Jan. 16th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art T. Haugh, Jr., representative for Ralston-Purina Co. has requested all those wishing to attend to please contact Bob Kroes.

case of a very bad year. Let's keep this sensible attitude on support prices.

Sunfair Notes

... Freddy Fernandez, nephew of the Wetmores, speaks better American than we apparently hear, or else we have our geography confused. He's from Costa Rica, not Puerto Rica, quite a different place, we hear tell. ... Carl Miller, representative of Globe Mills (Pillsbury) was a business caller in Sunfair last Friday. ... Ray Hall of Sunset Milling (Ranchway) made the usual weekly calls in Sunfair Friday. ... Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kroes spent Xmas vacation visiting relatives in Crestline, Long Beach, and Riverside. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. H. Botcher and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Butcher, Annie Butcher of Crestline, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Jewell in Long Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Miller of Riverside.

... Charles, Elmer and Zelma Gregg, brothers and sister of Mrs. Chester R. Bunker, were visitors to the Bunker cabin in Sunfair over the New Year holidays. Elmer Gregg is an Electrical contractor in Lincoln, Nebraska. Charles, who lives in Los Angeles at the present, operated the first grocery store and filling station in Joshua Tree.

SUNFAIR — Mrs. Eddie Fetherston of Columbia Pictures is visiting Eddie at Rancho Roselle for a few weeks.

ASSOCIATION MEETING

SUNFAIR — There will be a Sunfair Turkey Growers Association meeting Friday, Jan. 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kroes Ranch in Sunfair. This is the first meeting of the new year, and an important one.

SMALLER CROP PREDICTED FOR 1950

Government forecasters are predicting a somewhat smaller turkey crop in 1950 — probably somewhere between the 1948 and 1949 crops. Considering all angles, industry leaders generally are inclined to agree.



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